connecting major cities of Karnataka with neighbouring States have been approved in Railways budgets but very meagre amount was allocated for work;

(b) if so, whether any time frame-has been fixed by railways for completion of these projects; and

(c) if so, the details of such projects and reasons for very less allocation of amount to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c)The funds for various ongoing projects in the state is being provided based on a rational formula announced in the budget 2002-2003. Accordingly, funds for new line projects in the state have also been provided keeping in view the availability of resources and considering the requirement of various projects.

New line from Hassan to Sharavanbelagola has been targeted for completion during 2003-2004. No other target has so far been fixed for new line projects in the State.

Beautif ication of suburban railway stations in Mumbai

2183. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified some of the suburban local railway stations for beautification in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the names of the Stations and the details of the Plan for each station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Panvel.Chembur, Kalyan, Govandi& Dadar have specifically been taken up during 2003-2004 for beautification by providing gardens at ends of the platform. Apart from these, beautification works are in progress at Churchgate, Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi, Grant Road, Bandra, Bandra Terminus, Andheri, Goregaon and Borivali stations.